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Docket No. 45825-01012
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of: | Jessop, et al. |) |
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| Application No.: | 09/196,524 |) Art Uni) 1743 |
| Filing Date: | November 20, 1998 |) |
| For: | PIPETTE TIP PACKAGING AND TRANSFER SYSTEM |) |
| Examiner: | Handy, D. |) |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam/Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2004, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal dated February 7, 2005. However, a telephone interview discussed in more detail hereinafter suggested that further amendments as set forth herein may be sufficient to render the application allowable. Thus applicants submit the amendments herein to place this case in condition for immediate allowance.

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